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**U.S. Patents**

5,160,341  
5,246,445  
5,476,505

Applicants' attorney would also like to take this opportunity to inform the United States Patent and Trademark Office about the existence of the following co-pending patent application, which is owned by the assignee of the above-identified application (i.e., Ethicon, Inc.

"Biodegradable Stent"  
Serial No. 10/602,338 (ETH-1685 CIP)  
Filed June 24, 2003  
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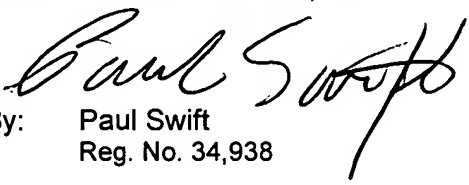
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In order to facilitate the Examiner's citation of the patents and patent application listed above, applicants' attorney has completed United States Patent and Trademark Office Form PTO-1449. The completed Form is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience.

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